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GUIDELINES FOR OPENING OF LPG AGENCIES AND PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed guidelines for opening LPG agencies and petrol pumps;

(b) if so, the salient features of these guidelines;

(c) whether there has been violation of the guidelines relating to reservations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL):

(a) to (dj Subsequent to the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) w.e.f. 1.4.2002, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have been given freedom to choose location and select Retail Outlet (RO) dealers/LPG distributors as per their commercial considerations. OMCs conduct feasibility surveys to assess the potential/commercial viability of locations before setting up any LPG distributorships and RO dealerships, and if found viable, further necessary action including issue of advertisement, holding of interviews of eligible candidates,etc. are taken. As per the extant guidelines, the percentage of reservation to different categories of persons are as follows:-

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Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes  -25%
(SC/ST)


Defence Category (DC)    -8%


Paramilitary/Police/Government   -8%
Personnel  (PMP)


Physically Handicapped Persons


Freedom Fighters (FF)    -2%


Outstanding Sports Persons (OSP)  -2%


      50%
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OMCs have not reported any violation of guidelines relating to reservations provided for in the selection of RO deafers/LPG distributors.